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President:	Mr. Buallay	(Bahrain)
Members:	Brazil	Mr. Amorim
	China	Mr. Liu Jieyi
	Costa Rica	Mr. Niehaus
	France	Mr. Dejammet
	Gabon	Mr. Essonghé
	Gambia	Mr. Jagne
	Japan	Mr. Konishi
	Kenya	Mr. Mahugu
	Portugal	Mr. Soares
	Russian Federation	Mr. Granovsky
	Slovenia	Mr. Türk
	Sweden	Mr. Lidén
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Eldon
	United States of America	Mr. Burleigh

Agenda

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1998/1160)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President (*interpretation from Arabic*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara, document S/1998/1160.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/1998/1183, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to the following other documents: S/1998/1031, letter dated 3 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council; S/1998/1142, letter dated 24 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Mauritania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council; and S/1998/1169, letter dated 15 December 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

Members of the Council have received photocopies of a letter dated 17 December 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, which will be issued as document S/1998/1184.

It is my understanding that the Security Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/1183) before it. If I hear no objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Bahrain, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, France, Gabon, Gambia, Japan, Kenya, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President (*interpretation from Arabic*): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1215 (1998).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 3.35 p.m.